GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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INVOLVEMENT OF WOMEN TRIBAL RURAL YOUTHS IN SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the participation of women, tribal and rural youths in the games; and

(b) the details of achievements made by the Indian sportsmen in the International level during the last two years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Government of India is implementing the following schemes to enhance the participation of Women, Tribal Youth and Rural Youth in the games:

(i) Rural Sports Programme :Under this scheme, Rural Sports tournaments are organizedin the disciplines of Athletics, Tug of war, Archery, Hockey, Kho-kho, Kabbadi, Weightlifting, Volley Ball, Wrestling, Football (Boys only) at Block, Distt. ,State and National Levels involving women, tribal youth and rural youth.
Besides, in order to broad-base sports and games in the North-East region, North-East Sports Festival is organized every year there.

(ii) Sports Festival for Women : Under the scheme Block, District, State and National level sports competitions are organized involving women sportspersons.

(b) The number of medals (approximate) won by the Indian sportspersons in the International level competitions / events duringthe last two years are as under :

Year	Achievement
1999	172
2000	183

Besides, in the 8th South Asian Federation (SAF) Games held from 25th Sept. to 4th Oct. 1999 at Kathmandu, Indian Contingent hac won total 192 medals.